

We Claim:

1. A cylindrical duct having a peripheral wall with cylindrical inner and outer surfaces, a wire extending longitudinally of said duct between said inner and outer surfaces, said duct being of a first plastic material, an external stripe of a second plastic material extending longitudinally of said duct in alignment with said wire, and said second plastic material being exposed on said outer surface and having a different visual appearance than said first plastic material.

2. The duct of claim 1 wherein said second plastic material has a different color than said first plastic material.

3. The duct of claim 1 wherein said second plastic material is softer than said first plastic material.

4. The duct of claim 1 wherein said first plastic material is high density polyethylene and said second plastic material is ^{a lower} ~~low~~ density polyethylene.

5. The duct of claim 1 wherein said wire is located at an interface between said first and second plastic materials.

6. The duct of claim 1 wherein said wire is encapsulated in said second plastic material.

7. The duct of claim 1 wherein said first and second plastic materials and said wire are coextruded and said first and second plastic materials are crosslinked.

8. The duct of claim 1 wherein said second plastic material forms a concave depression in said outer surface extending longitudinally of said duct.

9. The duct of claim 1 wherein said second plastic material forms a convex bulge in said outer surface extending longitudinally of said duct.

10. A method of providing an external locator stripe for a wire embedded
5 in a peripheral wall of a conduit comprising the steps of coextruding a duct of a first plastic material together with a wire and a stripe of a second plastic material that overlies the wire.

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10 11. The method of claim 10 wherein said step of coextruding is carried out with a first plastic material of high density polyethylene and a second plastic material of ~~low~~ density polyethylene.
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12. The method of claim 10 wherein said step of coextruding is carried out, with a second plastic material having a different color than said first plastic
15 material.

13. The method of claim 10 wherein said step of coextruding is carried out by locating said wire at an interface between said first and second plastic materials.

20 14. The method of claim 10 wherein said step of coextruding is carried out by encapsulating said wire in said second plastic material.

15 15. The method of claim 10 wherein said step of coextruding is carried out by extruding said second plastic material to provide a depression therein extending
25 longitudinally of the exterior surface of said conduit.

16. The method of claim 10 wherein said step of coextruding is carried out by extruding said second plastic material to provide a convex bulge therein extending
longitudinally of the exterior surface of said conduit.

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